

Notes for Euvid Lesson at the BIL

PAB 30

D		N North		WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH	
1		♠52 ♥954 ♦A532 ♣AQ43		P P 1NT P 3NT P P P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠KJ83 ♥QJ1087 ♦94 ♣96		♠AQ64 ♥K62 ♦KQ7 ♣K72		♠1097 ♥A3 ♦J1086 ♣J1085	
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 1: Declarer has 8 top tricks: 1 spade, 1 heart (given the lead), 3 diamonds and 3 clubs. Where is the 9th trick coming from? If either minor suit breaks 3-3, an extra trick develops. The spade finesse is another possibility. None of these work in this deal. Is there another chance? Yes, he must duck the first heart and win the second heart. Then he tests the minors. When then don't work, he leads a heart to West. West can take 3 more hearts but must lead a spade. No matter who has the ♠K, the ♠Q becomes a winner.

D		N North		WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH	
2		♠763 ♥1092 ♦J109 ♣A643		3NT P 1NT P P P P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠K42 ♥KJ ♦7542 ♣QJ109		♠J1098 ♥76543 ♦A8 ♣K7		♠AQ5 ♥AQ8 ♦KQ63 ♣852	
3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 2: If South leads the ♥7, the defenders will eventually take 5 tricks: 2 hearts, 1 diamond and 2 clubs. If South leads the ♠J, they get only 4 tricks: 1 spade, 1 diamond and 2 clubs. When in notrump, lead the LONGEST suit.

D		N North		WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH	
3		♠Q1087 ♥J652 ♦43 ♣J93		1NT P 3NT P P P P P	
W West		S South		E East	
♠54 ♥AKQ ♦QJ107 ♣A852		♠AJ92 ♥983 ♦K6 ♣Q1076		♠K63 ♥1074 ♦A9852 ♣K4	
3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0					

Board 3: North leads the ♠7, 4th down from the longest and strongest. Dummy plays low. South can apply the Rule of 11 to learn that the ♠7 is high enough to win the trick. Subtract the opening pip from 11 (11-7=4) and that is the number of card higher than the 7 in the West, North and East hands combined. North sees all four in the dummy and his own hand. Thus he plays low on the lead and North retains the lead to lead a high spade thru dummy's ♠K. If South plays any other card, declarer can win his ♠K and make the contract.

D 4	N North	WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
	♠A65	P 1NT P P 3NT
	♥AK2	P P P
	♦A643	
♣Q74		
W West	E East	
♠K2	♠QJ1098	
♥J7643	♥Q109	
♦72	♦K5	
♣J1093	♣852	
3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠743	
	♥85	
	♦QJ1098	
	♣AK6	

Board 4: East leads the ♠Q, promising the J and 10; or the J and 9. Declarer will duck twice; once because of the Rule of 7 and once more to make to confirm that East started with 5 spades. West should overtake the ♠Q with his ♠K to ensure the suit doesn't become blocked. North should start by laying down the ♦A; not taking the finesse. This plays to the event that East holds a singleton ♦K. If the ♦K isn't singleton and is in the West hand, declarer is safe because West can't lead another spade. If the ♦K is in the East, declarer is doomed no matter how he played it.

D 5	N North	WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
	♠A985	P P P 1NT
	♥2	P 2♣ P 2♥
	♦K532	P 3NT P P
♣K732		
W West	E East	
♠QJ1032	♠K6	
♥J43	♥Q10976	
♦A86	♦74	
♣64	♣J1098	
3NT South NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠74	
	♥AK85	
	♦QJ109	
	♣AQ5	

Board 5: Defeat of the contract depends on the opening lead. The ♠3 defeats the contract; the ♠Q allows it to make. When West leads the ♠3, East wins the ♠K and returns a spade. If dummy rises with the ♠A, East must ditch the ♠K under the Ace. If West leads the ♠Q, East will either overtake or play low. Either way, dummy's ♠9 sets up as a second stopper.

D 6	N North	WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
	♠97642	1NT P 3NT P
	♥92	1♦ 1♥
	♦K	P P
♣87543		
W West	E East	
♠853	♠AKQ	
♥AJ8	♥653	
♦J843	♦Q1097	
♣Q62	♣AK10	
3NT West NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠J10	
	♥KQ1074	
	♦A652	
	♣J9	

Board 6: Since South overcalled, his partner should lead his suit. With a doubleton, he leads the higher card. South should realize declarer holds the ♥AJ. Make him use one of those honors immediately. Don't take the heart honor; signal encouragement with the ♥7. When North gets in with the ♦K, he will return another heart. South's ♥K will force out the ♥A and when South regains the lead with the ♦A, he can clear the suit.

7 D	N North	WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
	♠K54 ♥A2 ♦87643 ♣AKQ	P 1NT P 2♣ P 2♦ P 3NT P P
W West		E East
♠632 ♥QJ109 ♦K2 ♣9742		♠QJ1098 ♥874 ♦A5 ♣1063
3NT North NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠A7 ♥K653 ♦QJ109 ♣J85	

Board 7: Declarer has 7 top tricks. He must get the extra two from diamonds, but to set the suit up he must lose the lead twice. He will duck the first spade and win the second spade in dummy. He then leads a diamond. West must rise with the ♦K. Here, "second hand low" doesn't apply. When you have but one card in the suit partner is trying to set up, you must win the first trick and play that card. If he waits till his partner gets in he will not have the spade left when he later gets in with the ♦K.

8	N North	WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
	♠AQJ103 ♥A53 ♦742 ♣62	1♦ 1♠ Dbl P 2♣ P 2NT P 3NT P P
W West		E East
♠52 ♥84 ♦AKQJ98 ♣AQJ		♠K86 ♥Q1076 ♦103 ♣K954
3NT East NS: 0 EW: 0	S South	
	♠974 ♥KJ92 ♦65 ♣10873	

Board 8: If East is the declarer in 3NT, South will lead partner's spade suit. North knows that declarer has the ♠K for his notrump bid. He also knows that the club finesse will work if declarer needs it. Therefore, he must attack the only suit that has any possibility of setting the contract: hearts. He grabs the ♠A and shifts to the ♥3. As you can see, this gives the defenders 4 heart tricks and 1 spade to set the contract.